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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1723  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03863.0055



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Kazunori SHIMADA ) Group Art Unit: 1723  
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Application No.: 10/021,029 ) Examiner: K. MENON  
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Filed: December 19, 2001 )  
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For: ANTIBACTERIAL MEMBER, )  
METHOD OF PREPARING THE )  
SAME, ANTIBACTERIAL FILTER )  
AND ANTIBACTERIAL )  
CONTAINER )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following Amendment and Remarks. The period for reply has been extended one month by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding \$55.00 fee payment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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